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He look'd a lion with a gloomy stare,
And o'er his eye-brows hung his matted hair.
The spleen consisteth of muscular fibres, all matted, as in
the skin, but in more open work. *Dryden.*
MA'TADORE. n. f. [*matador*, a murderer, Spanish.] A hand
of cards so called from its efficacy against the adverse player.
Now move to war her sable *matadores*.
In show like leaders of the swarthy Moors.
MA'TACHIN. n. f. [French.] An old dance. *Pope.*
Who ever saw a *matadin* dance to imitate fighting: this
was a fight that did imitate the *matadin*; for they being but
three that fought, every one had two adversaries striking him
who struck the third. *Sidney.*
MATCH. n. f. [*methe*, French; *miccia*, Italian; probably
from *mico*, to shine, Latin: surely not, as *Skinner* conjectures,
from the Saxon *maca*, a companion, because a match is
companion to a gun.] Any thing that catches fire; generally
a card, rope, or small chip of wood dipped in melted sul-
phur.
Try them in several bottles *matches*, and see which of them
last longest without stench. *Bacon.*
He made use of her trees as of *matches* to set Drina a fire.
Being willing to try something that would not cherish much
fire at once, and would keep fire much longer than a coal,
we took a piece of *match*, such as soldiers use. *Boyle.*
2. [From *ματχ*, a fight, or from *maca*, Saxon, one equal to
another.] A contest; a game; any thing in which there is
contest or opposition.
Shall we play the wantons with our woes,
And make some pretty *match* with shedding tears? *Shakespeare.*
The goat was mine, by fingering fairly won.
A solemn *match* was made; he lost the prize. *Dryden.*
3. [From *maca*, Saxon.] One equal to another; one able to
contest or oppose.
Government mitigates the inequality of power among par-
ticular persons, and makes an innocent man, though of the
lowest rank, a *match* for the mightiest of his fellow-subjects.
The old man has met with his *match*. *Addison's Freeholder.*
The natural flame that attends vice, makes them zealous
to encourage themselves by numbers, and form a party against
religion: it is with pride they survey their increasing strength,
and begin to think themselves a *match* for virtue. *Rogers.*
4. One that suits or tallies with another.
5. A marriage.
The *match*
Were rich and honourable; besides, the gentleman
Is full of virtue, bounty, worth, and qualities,
Becoming such a wife as your fair daughter. *Shakespeare.*
Love doth seldom suffer itself to be confined by other *matches*
than those of its own making.
With him she strove to join Lavinia's hand,
But dire portents the purpos'd *match* withstand. *Dryden.*
6. One to be married.
She inherited a fair fortune of her own, and was very rich
in a personal estate, and was looked upon as the richest *match*
of the West. *Clarendon, b. viii.*
To *MATCH. v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To be equal to.
No settled senses of the world can *match*
The pleasure of that madness. *Shakespeare. Winter's Tale.*
O thou good Kent, how shall I live and work
To *match* thy goodness? life will be too short,
And every measure fail me. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*
2. To shew an equal.
No history or antiquity can *match* his policies and his con-
duct. *South's Sermons.*
3. To equal; to oppose.
Eternal might
To *match* with their inventions they presum'd
So easy, and of his thunder made a scorn. *Milton.*
What though his heart be great, his actions gallant,
He wants a crown to poise against a crown,
Birth to *match* birth, and power to balance power. *Dryden.*
The shepherd's calendar of Spenser is not to be *matched* in
any modern language. *Dryden.*
4. To suit; to proportion.
Let poets *match* their subject to their strength,
And often try what weight they can support. *Recommen.*
Mine have been still
Match'd with my birth; a younger brother's hopes. *Rowe.*
Employ their wit and humour in chusing and *matching* of
patterns and colours. *Swift's Miscel.*
5. To marry; to give in marriage.
Great king,
I would not from your love make such a fray,
To *match* you where I hate. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*
Thou dost protest thy love, and would'st it show
By *matching* her, as she would *match* her foe. *Donne.*

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Them willingly they would have still retain'd,
And *match'd* unto the prince. *Daniel's Civil War.*
When a man thinks himself *match'd* to one who should be
a comfort to him, instead thereof he finds in his bosom a
beast. *South's Sermons.*
A senator of Rome, while Rome surviv'd,
Would not have *match'd* his daughter with a king. *Addison.*
To *MATCH. v. n.*
1. To be married.
A thing that may luckily fall out to him that hath the blef-
sing to *match* with some heroic-minded lady. *Sidney, b. ii.*
I hold it a sin to *match* in my kindred. *Shakespeare.*
Let tigers *match* with hinds, and wolves with sheep,
And every creature couple with his foe. *Dryd. Sp. Fryar.*
All creatures else are all *match'd*, or stark mad. *Shakespeare.*
They *match'd*, and thou alone art left for me. *Dryden.*
2. To suit; to be proportionate; to tally.
MA'TCHABLE. adj. [from *match*.]
1. Suitable; equal; fit to be joined.
Ye, whose high worths surpassing Paragon,
Could not on earth have found one fit for mate,
Ne but in heaven *matchable* to none,
Why did ye stoop unto so lowly state? *Spenser, Sonnet 66.*
2. Correspondent.
Those at land that are not *matchable* with any upon our
shores, are of those very kinds which are found no where but
in the deepest parts of the sea. *Woodward's Nat. Hist.*
MA'TCHLESS. adj. [from *match*.] Without an equal.
This happy day two lights are seen,
A glorious saint, a *matchless* queen. *Waller.*
Much less, in arms, oppose thy *matchless* force,
When thy sharp spurs shall urge thy foaming horse. *Dryd.*
MA'TCHLESSLY. n. f. In a manner not to be equalled.
MA'TCHLESSNESS. n. f. [from *matchless*.] State of being with-
out an equal.
MA'TCHMAKER. n. f. [*match* and *make*.]
1. One who contrives marriages.
You came to him to know
If you should carry me, or no;
And would have hir'd him and his imps,
To be your *matchmakers* and pimps. *Hudibras, p. iii.*
2. One who makes matches to burn.
MATE. n. f. [*maca*, Saxon; *maet*, Dutch.]
1. A husband or wife.
I that am frail flesh and earthly wight,
Unworthy *mate* for such immortal mate,
Myself well wote, and mine unequal fate. *Fairy Queen.*
2. A companion, male or female.
Go, base intruder! over-weening slave!
Bestow thy fawning smiles on equal *mates*. *Shakespeare.*
My competitor.
In top of all design, my *mate* in empire,
Friend and companion in the front of war. *Shakespeare.*
You knew me once no *mate*
For you; there sitting where you durst not soar. *Milton.*
Damon, behold you breaking purple cloud;
Hear'st thou not hymns and songs divinely loud:
There mounts Amyntas, the young cherubs play
About their godlike *mate*, and sing him on his way. *Dryd.*
Leave thy bride alone:
Go, leave her with her maiden *mates* to play
At sports more harmless, till the break of day. *Dryden.*
3. The male or female of animals.
Part single, or with *mate*;
Graze the sea-weed their pasture, and through groves
Of coral fray. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. vii.*
Pliny tells us, that elephants know no copulation with any
other than their own proper *mate*. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
4. One that fails in the same ship.
What vengeance on the passing fleet she pour'd,
The master frighted, and the *mates* devour'd. *Recommen.*
5. One that eats at the same table.
6. The second in subordination; as, the master's *mate*; the
chirurgion's *mate*.
To *MATE. v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To match; to marry.
Ensample make of him your hapless joy,
And of myself now *mated* as you see,
Whose prouder vaunt, that proud avenging boy,
Did soon pluck down, and curb'd my liberty. *Fairy Qu.*
The hind, that would be *mated* by the lion,
Must die for love. *Shakespeare. All's well that ends well.*
2. To be equal to.
Some from seeds inclos'd on earth arise,
For thus the matchless chestnut *mates* the skies. *Dryden.*
Parnassus is its name; whose forked rise
Mounts through the clouds, and *mates* the lofty skies:
High on the summit of this dubious cliff,
Deucalion waiting moor'd his little skiff. *Dryden.*
3. To

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To oppose; to equal.
I i' th' way of loyalty and truth,
Dare *mate* a founder man than Surrey can be,
And all that love his follies. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
4. [*Mater*, French; *matas*, Spanish.] To subdue; to con-
found; to crush.
That is good deceit. *Shakespeare.*
Which *mater* him first, that first intends deceit.
The great effects that may come of industry and per-
severance who knoweth not? For audacity doth almost bind
and mate the weaker sort of minds. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
My sense she 'as *mated*, and amaz'd my fight. *Shakespeare.*
Why this is strange; go call the abbess hither;
I think you are all *mated*, or stark mad. *Shakespeare.*
MATERIAL. adj. [*materiel*, French; *materialis*, Latin.]
1. Consisting of matter; corporeal; not spiritual.
When we judge, our minds we mirrors make;
And as those glasses which *material* be,
Forms of *material* things do only take,
For thoughts or minds in them we cannot see. *Davies.*
That these trees of life and knowledge were *material* trees,
though figures of the law and the gospel, it is not a thing
either one way or another, in this present question, *material*.
2. Important; momentous; essential.
We must propose unto all men certain petitions incident,
and very *material* in causes of this nature. *Hooker, b. v.*
Hold them for catholicos or heretics, it is not a thing
either one way or another, in this present question, *material*.
3. What part of the world forever we fall into, the ordinary
use of this very prayer hath, with equal continuance, accom-
panied the fame, as one of the principal and most *mate-*
rial duties of honour done to Christ. *Hooker, b. v.*
It may discover some secret meaning and intent therein,
very *material* to the state of that government. *Spenser.*
The question is not, whether you allow or disallow that
book, neither is it *material*. *Whitgift.*
He would not stay at your petitions made;
His business more *material*. *Shakespeare. Winter's Tale.*
Neither is this a question of words, but infinitely *material*
in nature. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. N.º 98.*
I pass the rest, whose every race and name,
And kinds are less *material* to my theme. *Dryden's Virg.*
As for the more *material* faults of writing, though I see
many of them, I want leisure to amend them. *Dryden.*
I shall, in the account of simple ideas, set down only such
as are most *material* to our present purpose. *Locke.*
In this *material* point, the constitution of the English go-
vernment far exceeds all others. *Swift.*
MATERIALS. n. f. [this word is scarcely used in the singular;
materialia, French.] The substance of which any thing is
made.
The West-Indians, and many nations of the Africans,
finding means and *materials*, have been taught, by their own
necessities, to pass rivers in a boat of one tree. *Raleigh.*
Intending an accurate enumeration of medical *materials*,
the omission hereof affords some probability it was not used
by the ancients. *Brown's Vulg. Errors, b. i.*
David, who made such rich provision of *materials* for the
building of the temple, because he had dip't his hands in blood,
was not permitted to lay a stone in that sacred pile. *South.*
That lamp in one of the heathen temples the art of man
might make of some such *material* as the stone asbestos, which
being once kindled will burn without being consumed. *Wilk.*
The *materials* of that building very fortunately ranged
themselves into that delicate order, that it must be a very
great chance that parts them. *Tillotson.*
Simple ideas, the *materials* of all our knowledge, are sug-
gested to the mind only by sensation and reflection. *Locke.*
Such a fool was never found,
Who pull'd a palace to the ground,
Only to have the ruins made
Materials for an house decay'd. *Swift's Miscel.*
MATERIALIST. n. f. [from *material*.] One who denies spi-
ritual substances.
He was bent upon making Memmius a *materialist*. *Dryd.*
MATERIALITY. n. f. [*materialité*, Fr. from *material*.] Co-
poreity; material existence; not spirituality.
Considering that corporeity could not agree with this uni-
versal subsistent nature, abstracting from all *materiality* in his
ideas, and giving them an actual subsistence in nature, he
made them like angels, whose essences were to be the essence,
and to give existence to corporeal individuals; and so each
idea was embodied in every individual of its species. *Digby.*
MATERIALLY. adv. [from *material*.]
1. In the state of matter.
I do not mean, that any thing is separable from a body by
fire that was not *materially* pre-existent in it. *Boyle.*
2. Not formally.
Though an ill intention is certainly sufficient to spoil and

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corrupt an act in itself *materially* good, yet no good intention
whatsoever can rectify or infuse a moral goodness into an act
otherwise evil. *South's Sermons.*
3. Importantly; essentially.
All this concerneth the customs of the Irish very *materially*;
as well to reform those which are evil, as to confirm and con-
tinue those which are good. *Spenser on Ireland.*
MATERIALNESS. n. f. [from *material*.] State of being mate-
rial; importance.
MATERIATE. } adj. [*materiatus*, Latin.] Consisting of mat-
MATERIATED. } ter.
After long enquiry of things immerse in matter, interpose
some subject which is immaterial or less *material*, such as
this of sounds, to the end that the intellect may be rectified,
and become not partial. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. N.º 114.*
MATERIATION. n. f. [from *materia*, Lat.] The act of form-
ing matter.
Creation is the production of all things out of nothing; a
formation not only of matter but of form, and a *materiation*
even of matter itself. *Brewton.*
MATERNAL. adj. [*maternus*, Fr. *maternus*, Lat.] Motherly;
befitting or pertaining to a mother.
The babe had all that infant care beguiles;
And early knew his mother in her smiles:
At his first aptness the maternal love
Those rudiments of reason did improve. *Dryden.*
MATERNITY. n. f. [*maternité*, French, from *maternus*, Lat.]
The character or relation of a mother.
MAT-FELON. n. f. [*matter*, to kill, and *felon*, a thief.] A
species of knap-weed growing wild.
MATHEMATICAL. } adj. [*mathematicus*, Lat.] Considered
MATHEMATICK. } according to the doctrine of the
mathematicians.
The East and West,
Upon the globe; a *mathematick* point
Only divides: thus happiness and misery,
And all extremes, are still contiguous. *Denham's Sophy.*
It is as impossible for an aggregate of finites to comprehend
or exhaust one infinite, as it is for the greatest number of *ma-*
thematick points to amount to, or constitute a body. *Boyle.*
I suppose all the particles of matter to be situated in an
exact and *mathematical* evenness. *Bentley's Serm.*
MATHEMATICALLY. adv. [from *mathematick*.] According to
the laws of the mathematical sciences.
We may be *mathematically* certain, that the heat of the
sun is according to the density of the sun-beams, and is reci-
procally proportional to the square of the distance from the
body of the sun. *Bentley's Sermons.*
MATHEMATICIAN. n. f. [*mathematicus*, Lat. *mathematician*,
French.] A man versed in the mathematics.
One of the most eminent *mathematicians* of the age assured
me, that the greatest pleasure he took in reading Virgil was
in examining *Aeneas's* voyage by the map. *Addison's Spect.*
MATHEMATICKS. n. f. [*μαθηματικα*.] That science which
contemplates whatever is capable of being numbered or mea-
sured; and it is either pure or mixt: pure considers abstract-
ed quantity, without any relation to matter; mixt is inter-
woven with physical considerations. *Harris.*
The *mathematicks* and the metaphysics
Fall to them, as you find your stomach serves you. *Shak.*
See mystery to *mathematicks* fly. *Pope.*
MATHE'S. n. f. An herb. *Ans.*
MATHE'SIS. n. f. [*μαθησις*.] The doctrine of mathematics.
Mad *Mathe'sis* alone was unconfin'd. *Pope.*
MATIN. adj. [*matine*, French; *matutinus*, Latin.] Morning;
used in the morning.
Up rose the victor angels, and to arms
The *matin* trumpet rung. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. vi.*
I waste the *matin* lamp in sighs for thee;
Thy image steals between my god and me. *Pope.*
MATIN. n. f. Morning.
The glow-worm shews the *matin* to be near,
And gins to pale his uneffectual fire. *Shakespeare.*
MATINS. n. f. [*matines*, French.] Morning worship.
The winged choristers began
To chirp their *matins*. *Cleveland.*
By the pontifical, no altar is consecrated without reliques:
the vigils are celebrated before them, and the nocturn and
matins, for the saints whose the reliques are. *Stillingfleet.*
That he should raise his mitred crest on high,
And clap his wings, and call his family
To sacred rites; and vex th' ethereal powers
With midnight *matins*, at uncivil hours. *Dryden.*
MATRASS. n. f. [*matras*, French.]
Matrass is the name of a chemical glass vessel made for
digestion or distillation, being sometimes bellied, and some-
times rising gradually taper into a conical figure. *Quincy.*
Protect from violent storms, and the too parching darts of
the sun, your pennached tulips and ranunculus's, covering
them with *matrasses*. *Evelyn's Calendar.*
MATRICE.